Frequently asked questions about Fireworks

Are fireworks legal in the City of Indianapolis?

Yes fireworks are legal in Indianapolis but you must follow State & local ordinance.

Sec. 407-201. - Consumer fireworks—Using, igniting and discharging limited.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to use, ignite, or discharge any consumer fireworks, as defined in IC 22-11-14, at any place in the consolidated city, except during the following times:

Each night beginning June 28, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and two (2) hours after sunset through July 3rd.

On July 4, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight;

Each night beginning July 5, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and two (2) hours after sunset through July 9th

On December 31 and January 1, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. on December 31 and 1:00 a.m. January 1.

- (1) For this first offense in any twelve month period, shall be subject to admission of violation and payment of the civil penalty in accordance with Chapter 103
- (2) For the second offense in any twelve month period, the civil penalty is fixed at a minimum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) under the provisions of section 103-3 of this Code; and
- (3) For the third and subsequent offenses in any twelve month period, a civil penalty of up to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) shall be imposed under the provisions of section 103-3 of this Code.

(G.O. 67, 2008, § 1)

For any violations of these rules, please call IMPD non-emergency at 327-3811.

What is required to put on a fireworks display? (Commercial)

A permit must be applied for from the State of Indiana. You can go online to http://www.in.gov/dhs/3340.htm or call 317-232-1407 for more information. Be sure to include a certificate of liability insurance, a resume with credentials and qualifications, a list of what fireworks will be used, and a detailed map. The State of Indiana then sends a copy of the permit and application to IFD for review. If approved the Fire Marshal of IFD will sign the permit issued by the State of Indiana.